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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5944

USAIRFAC ANTIGUA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: ANTIGUA CRIPPLED BY STRIKE OF ELECTRICITY AND
WATER WORKERS.

1. PUBLIC UTILITIES (ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY WORKERS)
STRIKE IN ANTIGUA WHICH BEGAN TWO DAYS AGO HAS SERIOUSLY
CRIPPLED ALL OPERATIONS THERE. NO ELECTRICITY, NO WATER,
FOOD IN FREEZERS GOING BAD, HOSPITAL BLOOD SUPPLY SPOILED,
NO SURGERY OR X-RAYS POSSIBLE. CABLE AND WIRELESS AND ORDINARY
TELEPHONE SERVICE ALSO CLOSED. STORES, BAKERIES, AND HOTELS
CLOSED OR CLOSING. AIRPORT STILL OPEN, WITH CONTROL TOWER
BEING OPERATED BY WORLD WAR II GENERATOR.

2. COMMANDING OFFICER, AFETR MISSILE TRACKING STATION,
ANTIGUA, WHO REACHED EMBASSY THROUGH U.S. CONNECTION, REPORTS
THAT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ARE SELF-SUFFICIENT, BUT RECEIVING
INCREASING NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR GENERATORS, WATER, ICE,
ETC. CO, MAJOR DEGAVRE, STATES SITUATION MIGHT BE DESCRIBED
AS TENSE. AMBASSADOR AND ONE INSPECTOR HAD PLANNED VISIT
ANTIGUA FOR NAVFAC CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY TUESDAY. STILL
PLAN TRIP UNLESS AIRPORT CLOSED.

3. FYI - ANTIGUA PUBLIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING
WORKERS CALLED WALK-OUT AFTER DISSATISFACTION EXPRESSED
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BY WORKERS FOLLOWING A CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION OF WATER

AND ELECTRICITY WORKERS WHO ON JULY 4 CAME UNDER JURISDICTION
OF NEW UTILITIES AUTHORITY SET UP BY CONTRACT BETWEEN
STANLEY CONSULTANTS OF THE U. S. AND GOA.
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